# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO EASTERN DIVISION, AKRON

In Re:	) Chapter 13 Case No. 15-50066
JOSEPH M. CAMPBELL MICHELLE K. CAMPBELL	) Judge Alan M. Koschik )
Debtor(s).	) ) AMENDED OBJECTIONS TO PROOFS OF CLAIM Nos. 1, 3, 5 and 6

Debtors, Joseph M. Campbell and Michelle K. Campbell ("Debtors"), by and through the undersigned, hereby object to the Proofs of Claim Nos. 1, 3, 5 and 6 filed in this case for the following reasons:

#### Objection to Proof of Claim No. 1:

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. ("Wells Fargo") asserts in the Proof of Claim No. 1 that the debt was incurred in June 2012, that there is purchase money security interest in the Debtors' air conditioning unit, and that the secured value of the air conditioning unit is \$1,982.00. The Debtor do not dispute that the debt was incurred in June 2012 and that there is a purchase money security interest in the air conditioning unit. The Debtors dispute the secured value of the underlying collateral, to wit: a 3-year old, used air conditioning unit (the "Collateral"), which is located at 162. E. Bergey Street, Wadsworth, Ohio 44281.

The Debtors assert a secured value for the Collateral of \$500.00. Wells Fargo asserts a secured value for the Collateral of \$1,982.00. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §506(a), "claims are classified as secured claims to the extent of the value of the property of the estate that serves as collateral for the claim and are classified as an unsecured claims [sic] to the extent that the claim exceeds the value of the collateral." *In re Raymond L. Kemmery*, 14-50999-amk, N.D. Ohio, Memorandum of Opinion dated September 17, 2014, unpublished, citing 11 U.S.C. §506(a).

The Debtors provided for the Collateral in Article 5(a) of their proposed Chapter 13 Plan, and proposed paying \$500.00 with interest at 5.00%. In addition, the Debtors specifically indicated in Article 12(3) of their proposed Chapter 13 Plan that they intended to "cram down" the loan and pay the secured value of the Collateral—\$500.00—and to treat the difference as unsecured, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §1325(a).¹ Wells Fargo did not object to the Debtors' proposed treatment of Collateral, and did not object to the proposed Chapter 13 Plan. This Court confirmed the Debtors' Chapter 13 Plan on April 3, 2015. "The provisions of a confirmed plan bind the debtor and each creditor, whether or not the claim of such creditor is provided by the plan, and whether or not such creditor has objected to, has accepted, or has rejected the plan." 11 U.S.C. §1327(a). Furthermore, a "bankruptcy court order confirming a debtor's Chapter 13 plan is a final judgment." *United Student Aid Funds, Inc. v. Espinosa*, 559 U.S. 260, 269 (2010).

Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 506(a), 1325(a) and 1327(a) and *Espinosa*, Wells Fargo's Proof of Claim No. 1 should be allowed and paid as follows: \$500.00 on the secured value, with interest thereon at 5.00%, with the balance of the claim allowed and paid as a general unsecured debt. If Wells Fargo wanted anything more than is what is set forth in the Debtors' confirmed Chapter 13 Plan, Wells Fargo should have appealed the final judgment confirming the Chapter 13 Plan. This, however, did not happen.

Wherefore, the Debtors object to Wells Fargo's Proof of Claim No. 1 to the extent that the secured value of the Collateral is only \$500.00, not \$1,982.00. The Debtors also object to Wells Fargo's Proof of Claim No. 1 to the extent that claim should be allowed and paid as set forth in the Debtors' Confirmed Chapter 13 Plan, pursuant to Articles 5(a) and 12(3), and not according to the claim as filed.

#### Objection to Proof of Claim No. 3:

Westlake Financial Services ("WFS") asserts in the Proof of Claim No. 3 that the interest rate that should be allowed and paid on the claim is 14.900%. However, in *Till v. SCS Credit Corp.*, 541 U.S. 465 (2004), the United States Supreme Court set forth the correct formula for determining an appropriate interest rate on a secured claim under 11 U.S.C. 1325(a)(5)(B)(ii). In *Till*, the Supreme Court interpreted 11 U.S.C. §1325(a)(5)(B)(ii) as "imposing an interest rate on

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. 1325(a), Section 506 shall not apply if the collateral for the debt consists of anything of value, if the debt was incurred during the 1-year preceding that filing. The debt incurred for the Collateral is nearly 3 years old; and, as such, 11 U.S.C. §506 shall apply.

the secured creditor's claim based on a "prime-plus" formula, which is based on the then-current prime interest rate plus an adjusted rate for the risk of non-payment." *In re Raymond L. Kemmery, supra,* 14-50999-amk; see also, *In re Taranto,* 365 B.R. 85, 90 (B.A.P. 6th Cir. 2007).

When the Debtors filed their Chapter 13 Petition on January 13, 2015, the prime rate was 3.25%. Although the contract interest rate is 14.900%, the interest rate that should be allowed and paid is 5.0%.

Wherefore, the Debtors object to WFS' Proof of Claim No. 3 to the extent that the interest rate that should be allowed and paid on the claim is 5.0%, not 14.900%, pursuant to the authority of *Till* and *In re Taranto*. The Debtors also object to WFS' Proof of Claim No. 3 to the extent that claim should be allowed and paid as set forth in Article 5(a) of the Debtors' Confirmed Chapter 13 Plan, and not according to the claim as filed.

### Objection to Proof of Claim No. 5:

Condor Capital Corp. ("Condor") is the secured creditor for Debtors' 2008 Hyundai Tucson.<sup>2</sup> The contracted-for interest, which is set forth in Condor's Claim No. 5, is 10.900% per annum. Pursuant to the authority in *Till v. SCS Credit Corp.*, *supra*, 541 U.S. 465 (2004), the United States Supreme Court set forth the correct formula for determining an appropriate interest rate on a secured claim under 11 U.S.C. 1325(a)(5)(B)(ii). In *Till*, the Supreme Court interpreted 11 U.S.C. §1325(a)(5)(B)(ii) as "imposing an interest rate on the secured creditor's claim based on a "prime-plus" formula, which is based on the then-current prime interest rate plus an adjusted rate for the risk of non-payment." *In re Raymond L. Kemmery*, 14-50999-amk, N.D. Ohio, Memorandum of Opinion dated September 17, 2014, unpublished, citing 11 U.S.C. §506(a); see also, *In re Taranto*, 365 B.R. 85, 90 (B.A.P. 6th Cir. 2007). When the Debtors filed their Chapter 13 Petition on January 13, 2015, the prime rate was 3.25%. Although the contract interest rate may be 10.900%, the interest rate that should be allowed and paid is 5.00%, not 10.900%.

Wherefore, the Debtors object to Condor's Proof of Claim No. 5, only to the extent that the interest rate that should be allowed and paid on the claim is 5.00%, not 10.900%, pursuant to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Debtors' schedules and Chapter 13 Plan mistakenly list Westlake Financial Services as the secured creditor. The Debtors were under the impression that both of their secured vehicle loans with Condor Capital Corp. had been assigned to Westlake Financial Services. While Mr. Campbell's loan was assigned, Ms. Campbell's loan was not assigned. Therefore, Condor Capital Corp. is the true and correct secured creditor for the 2008 Hyundai Tucson.

the authority of *Till* and *In re Taranto*. The Debtors respectfully request that Condor's Proof of Claim No. 5 be allowed and paid as set forth in Articles 5(a) and 12(2) of the Debtors' Confirmed Chapter 13 Plan, and not according to the claim as filed.<sup>3</sup>

### Objection to Proof of Claim No. 6:

The Debtors object to Proof of Claim No. 6, because Condor's Claim No. 6 appears to be an exact duplicate of Claim No. 5. These claims are identical in all respects, including, but not limited to the following:

The total amount of the claim: \$11,015.37
 The account number: xxx-9234

The collateral securing the claim: 2008 Hyundai Tucson
 The VIN for the collateral: KM8JM12BX8U706826

The value of the collateral: \$5,225.00
 The APR: 10.900%
 The arrearage: \$739.86
 The secured claim: \$5,225.00
 The unsecured portion: \$5,790.37

 The supporting documents are also identical, exclusive of a cover letter dated May 27, 2015.

Wherefore, the Debtors respectfully object to Condor's Proof of Claim No. 6, in its entirety, as Claim No. 6 is an exact duplicate of Claim No. 5, which claim is already provided for in Articles 5(a) and 12(2) of the Debtors' Confirmed Chapter 13 Plan. The Debtors pray that if Condor's Claim No. 5 is allowed, that Condor's Claim No. 6 be disallowed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See fn. 2 above. The Debtors have filed, contemporaneously with this Objection, a *Motion to Allow the Late-Filed Claim of Condor Capital Corp.* (ECF doc. #35)

## Respectfully submitted, BROWN, AMODIO & CHANDLER, LPA

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 16th of June, 2015, true and correct copy/copies of the within Objections to Proofs of Claim was/were filed electronically. Notice of this filing will be sent by operation of the Court's electronic filing system to all parties indicated on the electronic filing receipt. All other parties were served by regular U.S. mail, postage prepaid. All parties may access this filing via the Court's electronic filing system. The parties and/or their attorneys were served as follows:

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Miami, FL 33131-1605	(Per Proof of Claim No. 1)
(Per Proof of Claim No. 4)	

Condor Capital Corp.	Westlake Financial Services, Inc.
165 Oser Ave.	4751 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 100
Hauppauge, NY 11788	Los Angeles, CA 90010
(Per Proof of Claim Nos. 5 & 6)	(Per Proof of Claim No. 3)
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